

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mr. J. P. "Jeep" Rogers has worked with the Columbia, South Carolina, YMCA since 1944, serving as Physical Director from 1944-1969 and as Executive Director since 1969; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, "Jeep" Rogers received the Order of the Palmetto for his exemplary service in physical fitness and recreation, in 2000, he was recognized at the national YMCA convention for his longevity record as the longest-standing active YMCA employee in the country, and in 2001, the newly opened Columbia Northwest Family YMCA was dedicated in his honor; and

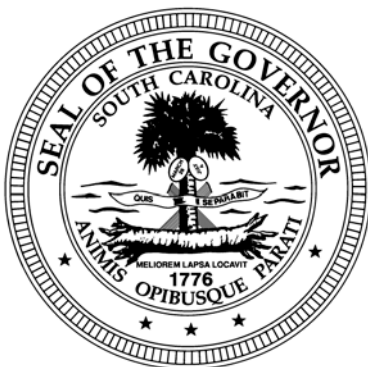
WHEREAS, Mr. Roger's tireless efforts and commitment to building strong communities through the YMCA have positively impacted the lives of countless residents throughout the Midlands of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2003, Mr. J. P. "Jeep" Rogers will retire after nearly six decades of service to the Columbia YMCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2003, as

J. P. "JEEP" ROGERS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join me in congratulating Mr. J. P. "Jeep" Rogers on the occasion of his retirement.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA